

FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTABLE RESPONSE RESISTANCE PROJECT



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Use of Reportable Response Resistance (Force) Data Collection

Despite Fresno police officers' routine use of verbal commands, and attempts to negotiate peaceful solutions when involved in adversarial situations, there are times when physical force is necessary to make an arrest, prevent an escape, overcome resistance, or defend against injury to officers or citizens. Officers use force as a last resort, with the vast majority of confrontations resolved with very little, if any, force applied. On rare occasions, deadly force must be used; however, the public is often unaware of the vast majority of potentially deadly confrontations that are peacefully resolved without resorting to deadly force.

Until recently, the Department had no method to determine the number of times officers used non-lethal means to resolve potentially lethal situations, losing critical information needed to illustrate this important fact.

Effective March 31, 2003, the Professional Standards Unit began reviewing police reports and other force data for comparative analysis and composite reporting. This information is used to determine effectiveness and necessity of the force used, reliability of equipment, training needs, policy modifications, etc.

The Department defines reportable force as any force when:

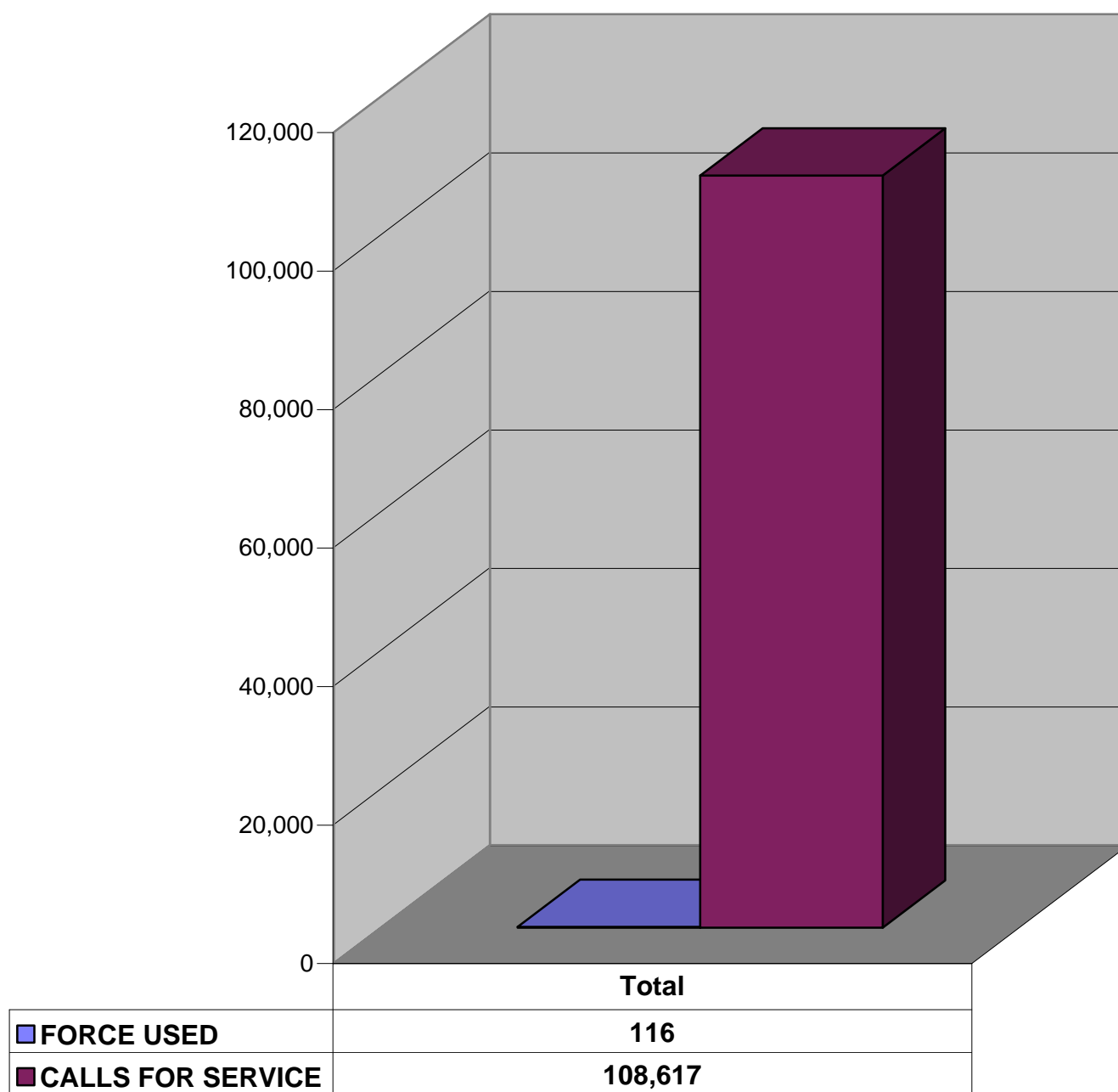
1. Officers (including canines) use force and a person is injured; or
2. Officers strike a person with a body part (i.e., fist, foot, elbow, etc.) or any object (i.e., flashlight, clipboard, etc); or
3. Officers use (not merely display) a department issued weapon (i.e., electronic immobilizing device, less-lethal impact projectile, chemical agents, baton, firearm, etc.).

Fresno police officers applied force in 116 incidents while responding to 108,617 calls for service (CFS). This equates to officers applying force in less than one-sixth of one percent (0.11%) of all calls for service for this reporting period.

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Calls For Service (CFS) vs. Reportable Response Resistance (Force) Incidents



CFS does not include events handled telephonically.
0.11% of all CFS resulted in the application of reportable force.

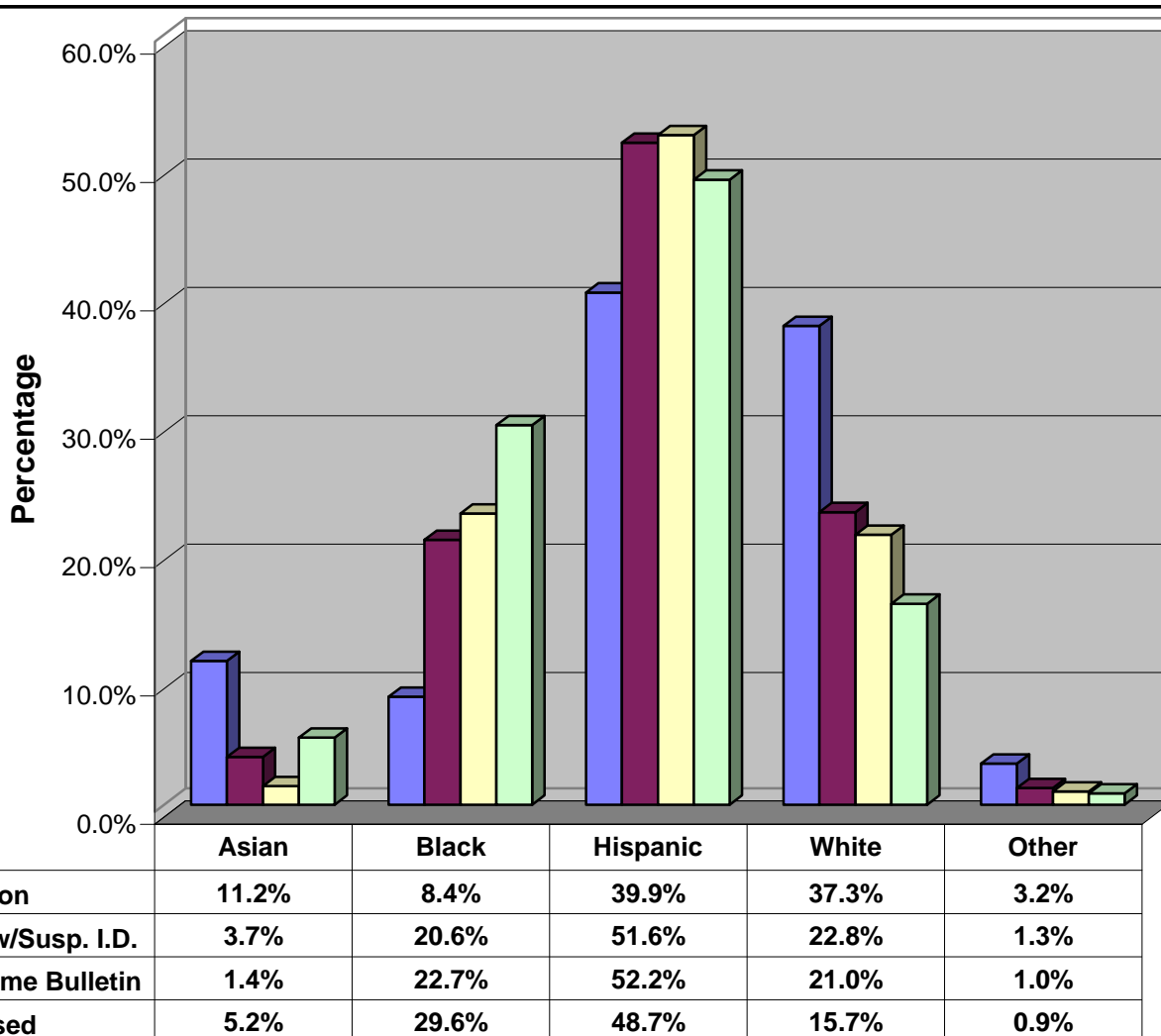
Suspect Demographics

	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other
City of Fresno Pop. (427,652)*	48,028	35,763	170,520	159,473	13,868
Percentage	11.2%	8.4%	39.9%	37.3%	3.2%
Crimes with Suspect's Race/Age Identified (14,071)	523	2,902	7,256	3,207	183
Percentage	3.7%	20.6%	51.6%	22.8%	1.3%
Daily Crime Bulletin Listings (477)**	7	110	253	102	5
Percentage	1.4%	22.7%	52.2%	21.0%	1.0%
Force Applications (115)***	6	34	56	18	1
Percentage	5.2%	29.6%	48.7%	15.7%	0.9%

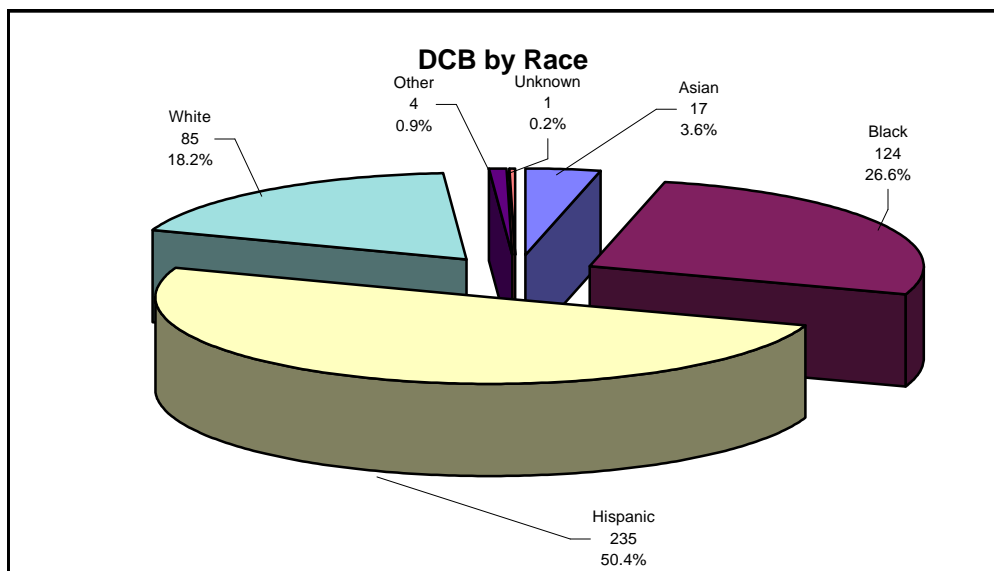
* 2000 Census

** 8 persons or 1.6% were listed as 'unknown' (see page 3 for definition of Daily Crime Bulletin - DCB)

*** Of the 116 reportable force cases, 1 had no age or race data available



DAILY CRIME BULLETIN (WANTED PERSONS) BY RACE LISTINGS – 485

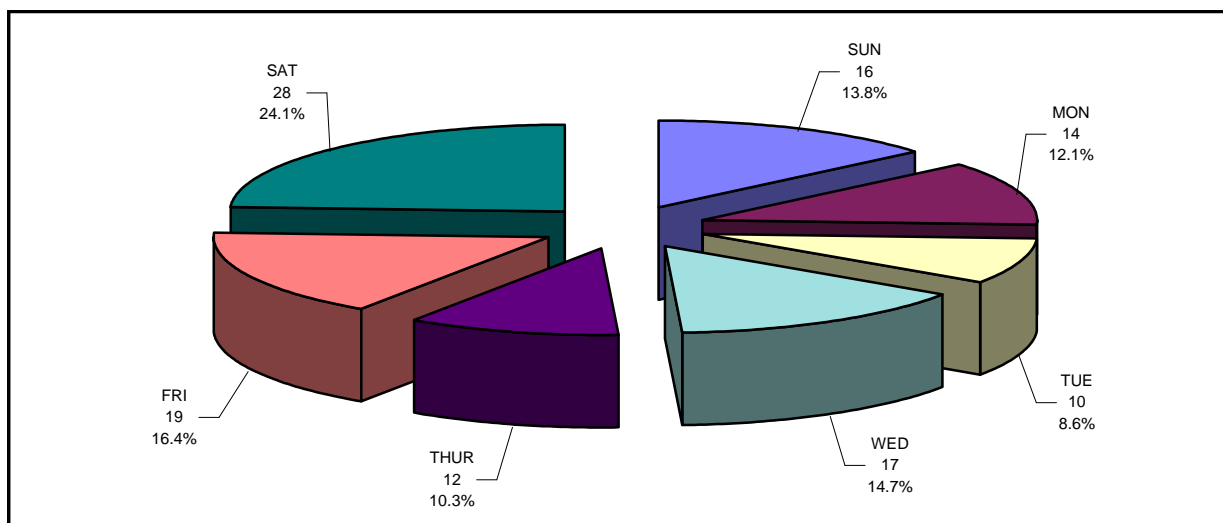


Order by Race:	Hispanic	-	50.4%
	Black	-	26.6%
	White	-	18.2%
	Asian	-	3.7%
	Other	-	0.9%
	Unknown	-	0.2%

The Daily Crime Bulletin (DCB) is a restricted, law enforcement use only document, issued department wide to all sworn personnel and twelve other local/state agencies to assist in locating/arresting suspects and wanted persons. The DCB is issued seven days a week and typically contains the following information:

- 1) Felonies with known, at-large, suspects
- 2) Wanted parolees
- 3) Officer safety information (vehicle occupants in possession of firearms, possible armed subjects, etc.)

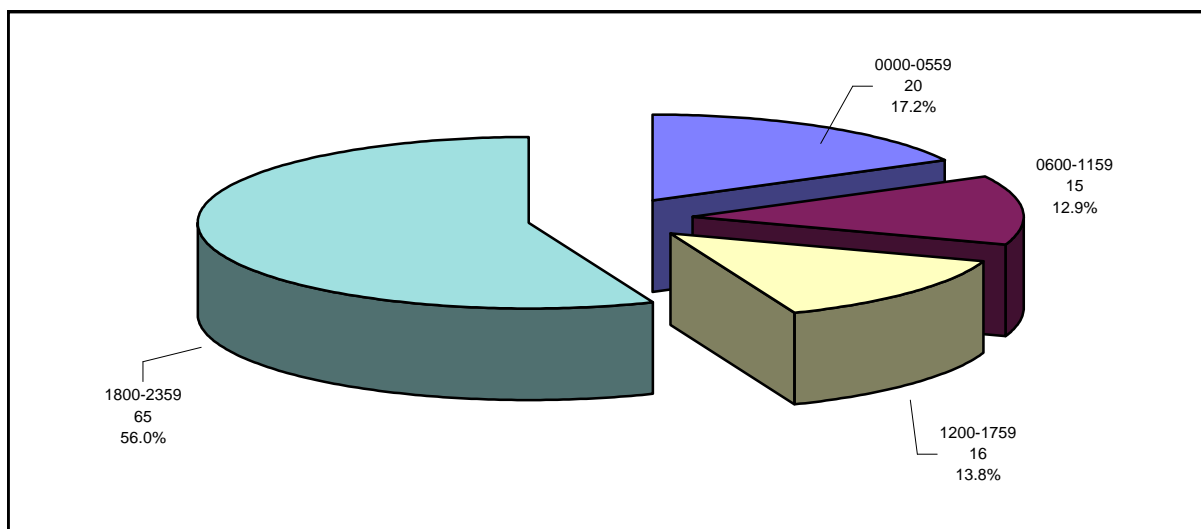
FORCE INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK, CITY-WIDE



Order by Day of the Week:

Saturday	-	24.1%
Friday	-	16.4%
Wednesday	-	14.7%
Sunday	-	13.8%
Monday	-	12.1%
Thursday	-	10.3%
Tuesday	-	8.6%

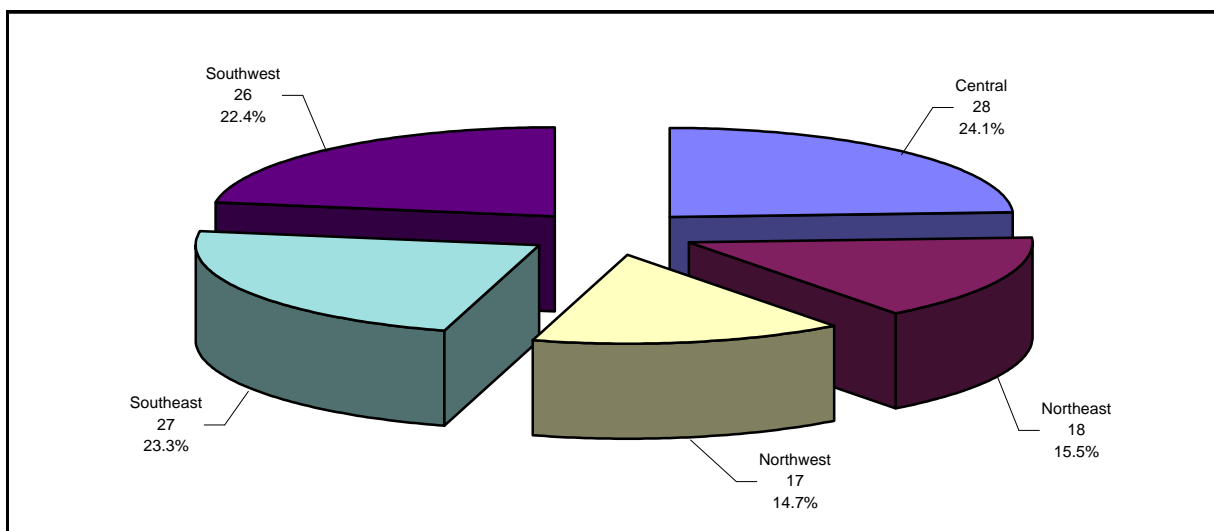
FORCE INCIDENTS BY HOUR OF DAY, CITY-WIDE



Order by Hours of the Day:

1800 to 2359 hrs	-	56.0%
0000 to 0559 hrs	-	17.2%
1200 to 1759 hrs	-	13.8%
0600 to 1159 hrs	-	12.9%

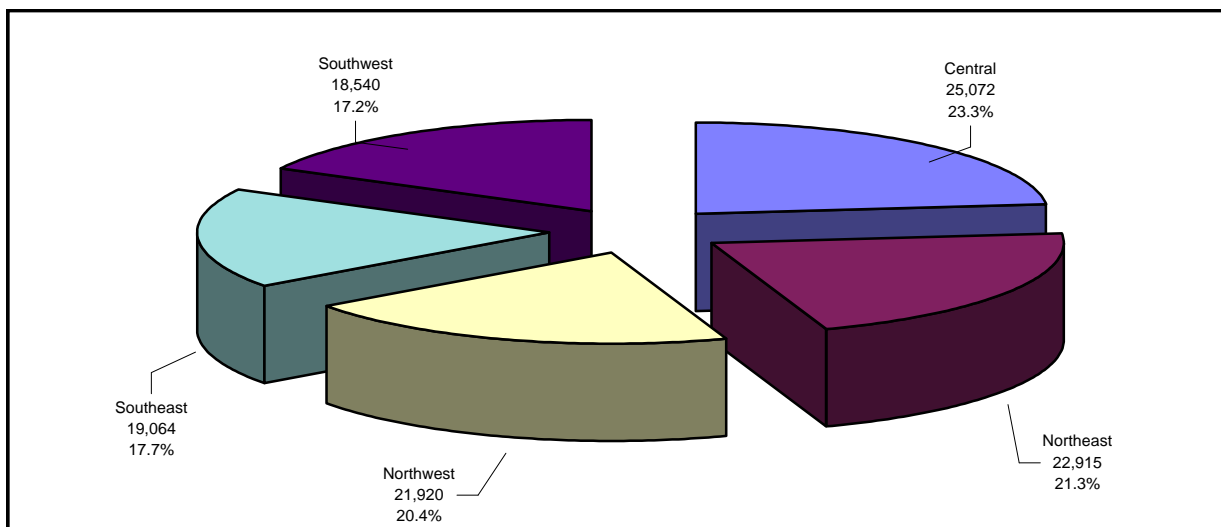
FORCE INCIDENTS BY POLICING DISTRICT*



Of the 116 force incidents, 0 were not assigned to a specific district.

Order by District:	Central	-	24.1%
	Southeast	-	23.3%
	Southwest	-	22.4%
	Northeast	-	15.5%
	Northwest	-	14.7%

ALL CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS) BY POLICING DISTRICT*

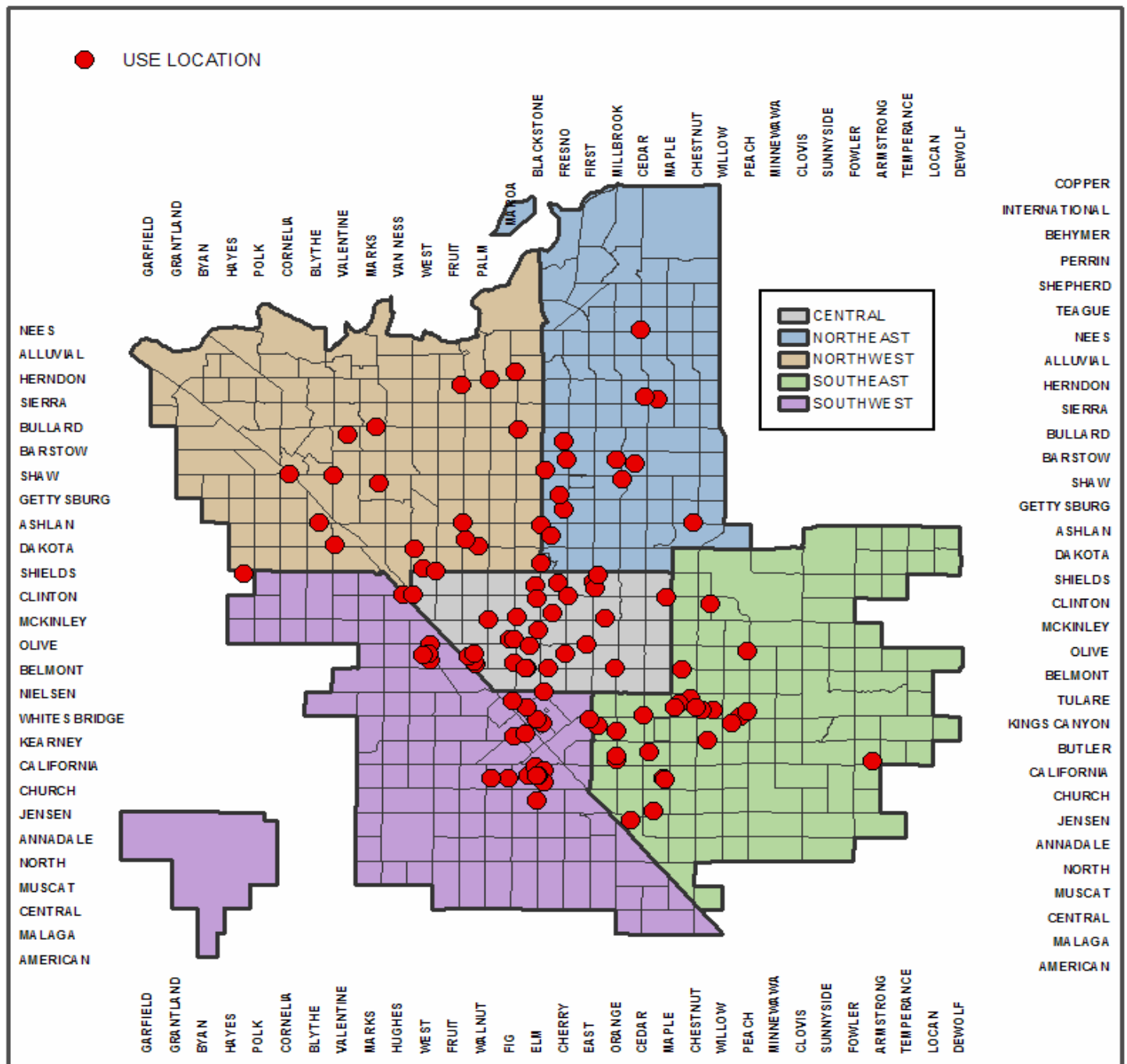


Of the 108,617 CFS, 1,106 were not assigned to a specific district.

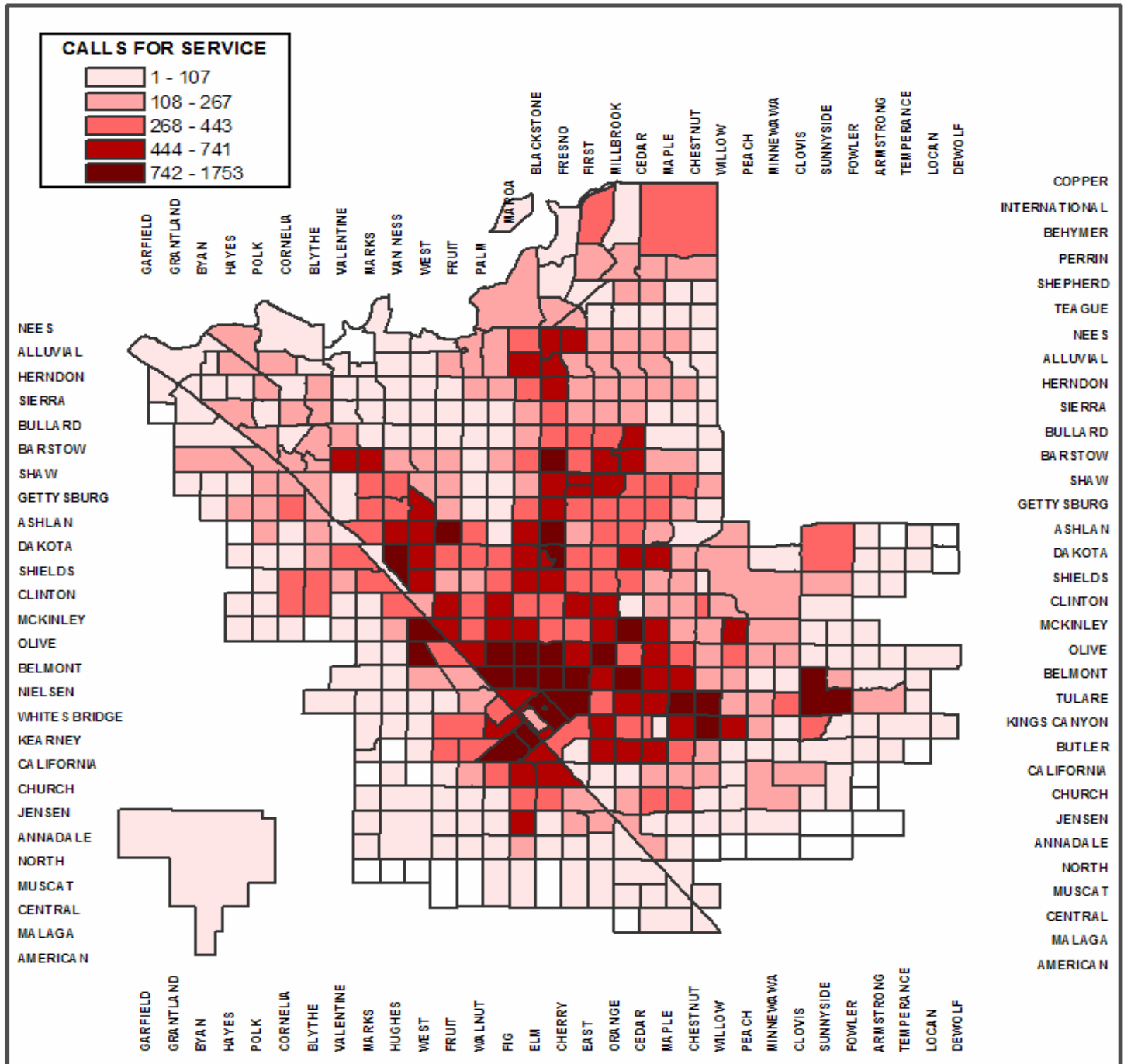
Order by District:	Central	-	23.3%
	Northeast	-	21.3%
	Northwest	-	20.4%
	Southeast	-	17.7%
	Southwest	-	17.2%

* See page 6 for policing district boundaries.

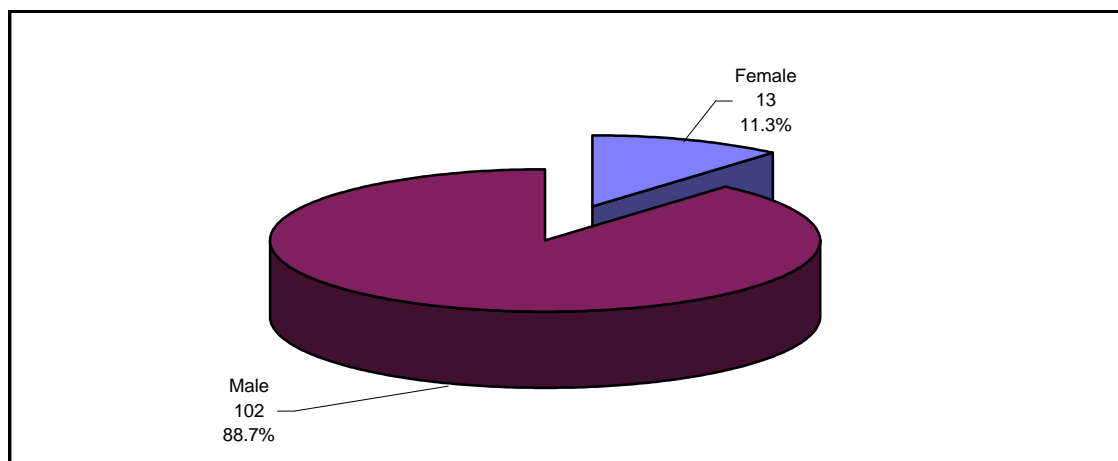
FORCE USED BY DISTRICT



PART I CRIMES BY ZONE



FORCE INCIDENTS BY GENDER OF SUSPECTS



Of the 116 force incidents, 1 had no gender data available.

REPORTED CRIMES BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17	96	351	890	200	16	1,553
18-23	159	599	1,732	535	38	3,063
24-29	128	554	1,620	595	34	2,931
30-35	50	312	1,047	411	22	1,842
36-41	42	358	865	530	24	1,819
42-47	29	341	597	453	23	1,443
48-53	12	244	327	329	18	930
54-59	4	96	131	95	7	333
60-65	1	29	32	27	1	90
66 and Over	2	18	15	32	0	67
Total	523	2,902	7,256	3,207	183	14,071

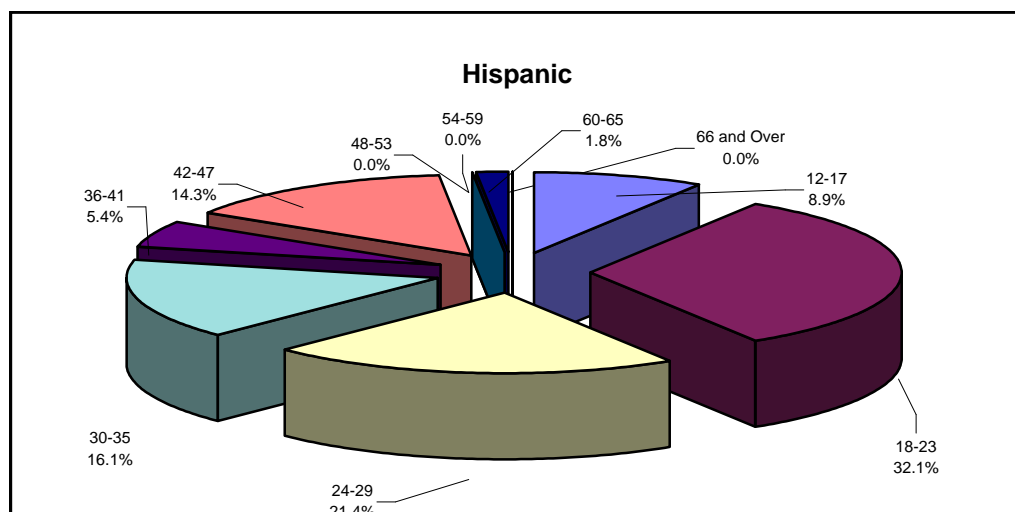
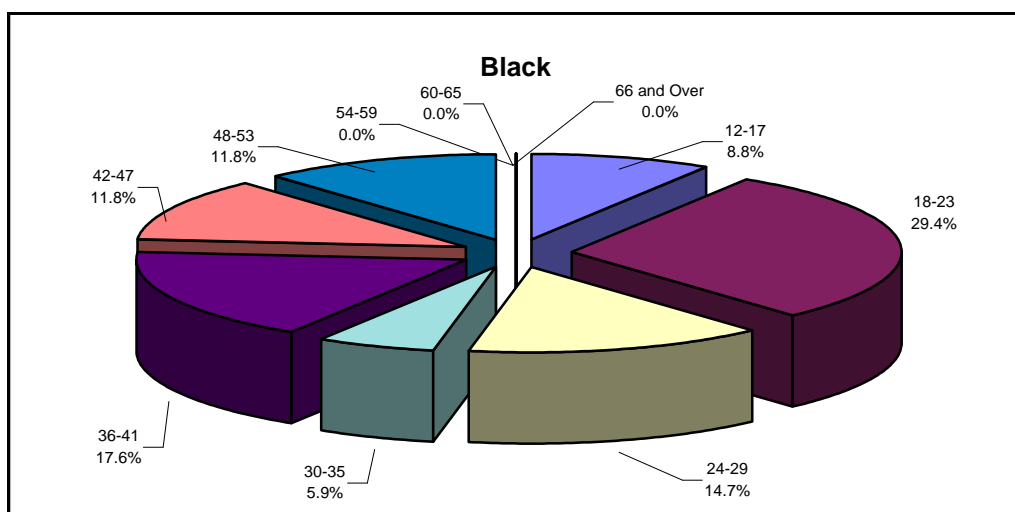
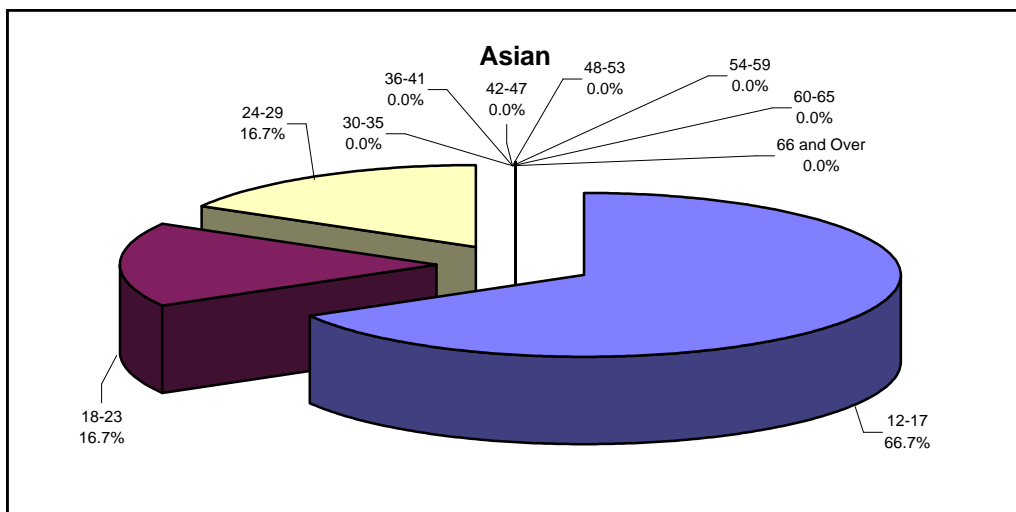
Of the 14,170 reported crime suspects, 14,071 had both age and race data.

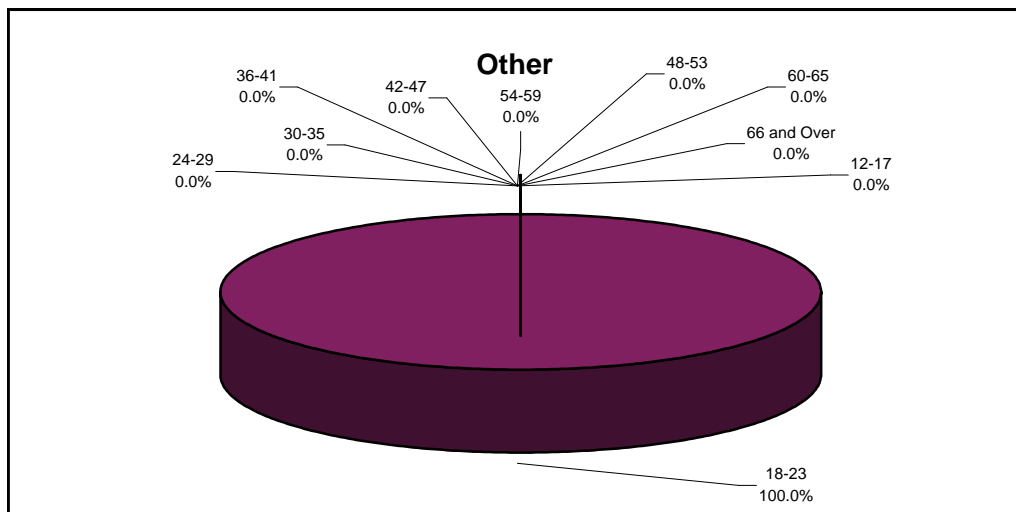
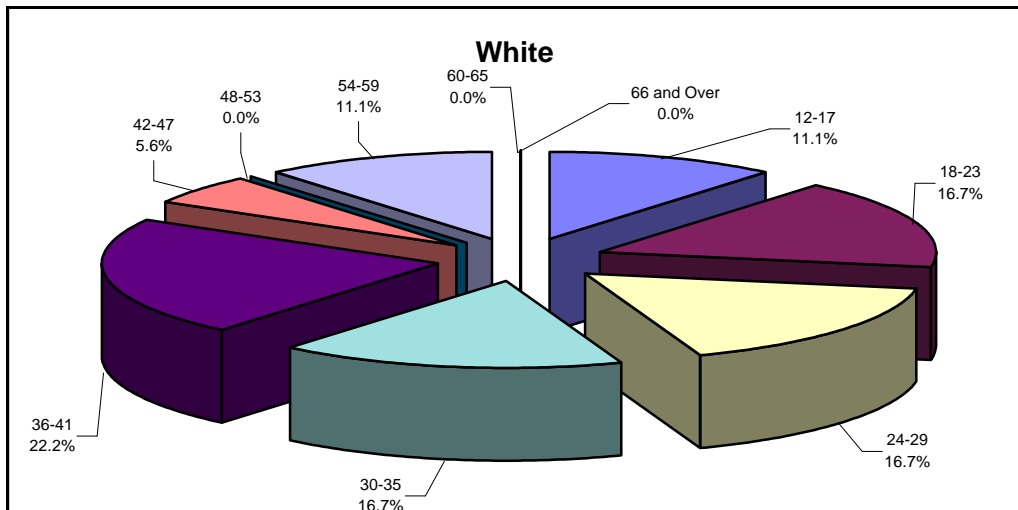
REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS

Age Group	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	TOTAL
12-17	4	3	5	2		14
18-23	1	10	18	3	1	33
24-29	1	5	12	3		21
30-35		2	9	3		14
36-41		6	3	4		13
42-47		4	8	1		13
48-53		4				4
54-59				2		2
60-65			1			1
66 and Over						0
Total	6	34	56	18	1	115

Of the 116 force incidents, 115 had both age and race data.

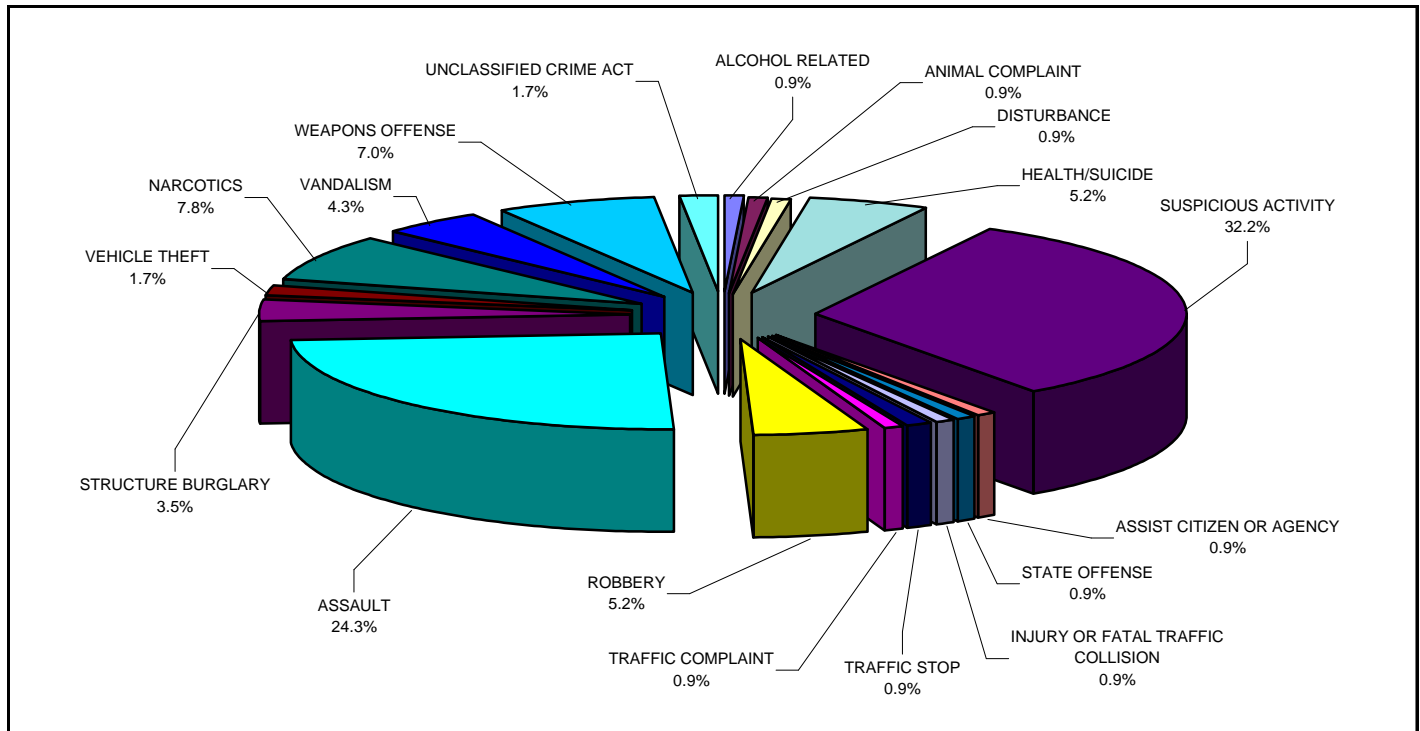
REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY AGE AND RACE OF SUSPECTS





"Other" refers to persons whose race is not defined as Asian, Black, Hispanic or White, i.e., persons from the Pacific Islands, Mid-East, or India.

TYPE OF CFS RESULTING IN REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS

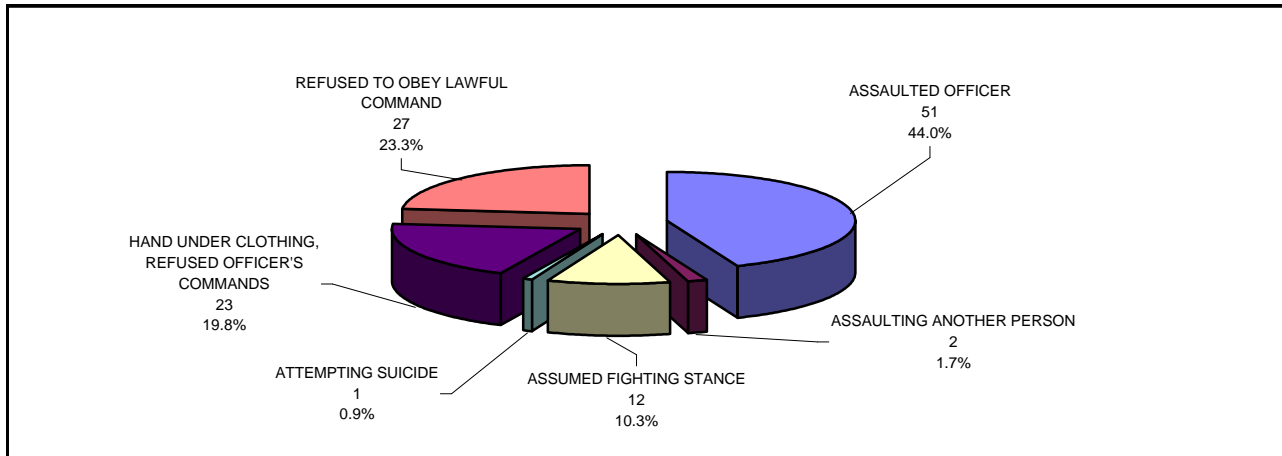


Order by Force Incident Clearance Code:

	Force Incidents:	CFS Total:
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	37	19651
ASSAULT	28	2151
NARCOTICS	9	1441
WEAPONS OFFENSE	8	1171
HEALTH/SUICIDE	6	3349
ROBBERY	6	470
VANDALISM	5	1550
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	4	5003
VEHICLE THEFT	2	2851
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	2	584
ALCOHOL RELATED	1	1213
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	1	921
DISTURBANCE	1	17101
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	1	5245
STATE OFFENSE	1	3
INJURY OR FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION	1	549
TRAFFIC STOP	1	17039
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	1	5041
TOTAL	115 **	

* 1 force incident had wrong or no clearance codes.

SUSPECT ACTIONS NECESSITATING THE USE OF FORCE



Order by Action:

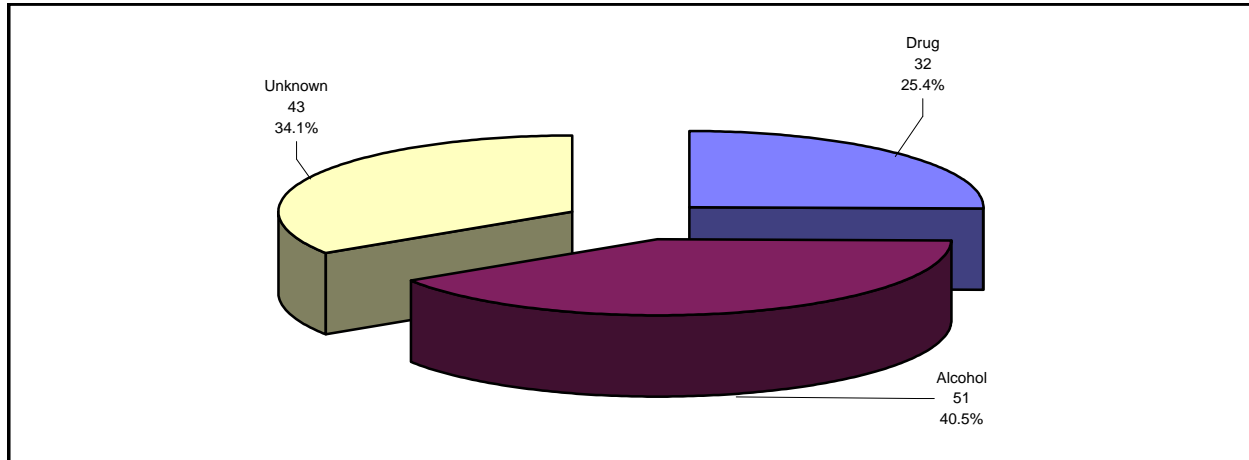
ASSAULTED OFFICER	-	44.0%
REFUSED TO OBEY LAWFUL COMMAND	-	23.3%
HAND UNDER CLOTHING, REFUSED OFFICER'S COMMANDS	-	19.8%
ASSUMED FIGHTING STANCE	-	10.3%
ASSAULTING ANOTHER PERSON	-	1.7%
ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	-	0.9%

REPORTABLE FORCE INCIDENTS BY TYPE OF CFS AND SUSPECT'S ACTION

TYPE OF CFS	ASSAULTED OFFICER	ASSAULTING ANOTHER PERSON	ASSUMED FIGHTING STANCE	ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	HAND UNDER CLOTHING, REFUSED OFFICER'S COMMANDS	REFUSED TO OBEY LAWFUL COMMAND
ALCOHOL RELATED	0	0	0	0	0	1
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	1	0	0	0	0	0
DISTURBANCE	0	1	0	0	0	0
HEALTH/SUICIDE	3	0	1	0	0	2
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	13	1	5	0	7	11
ASSIST CITIZEN OR AGENCY	1	0	0	0	0	0
STATE OFFENSE	0	0	0	0	1	0
INJURY OR FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION	0	0	0	0	0	1
TRAFFIC STOP	0	0	0	0	1	0
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	0	0	0	0	0	1
ROBBERY	4	0	0	0	1	1
ASSAULT	18	0	4	1	3	2
STRUCTURE BURGLARY	1	0	0	0	0	3
VEHICLE THEFT	1	0	0	0	0	1
NARCOTICS	4	0	1	0	3	1
VANDALISM	3	0	0	0	2	0
WEAPONS OFFENSE	1	0	1	0	5	1
UNCLASSIFIED CRIME ACT	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	50	2	12	1	23	27

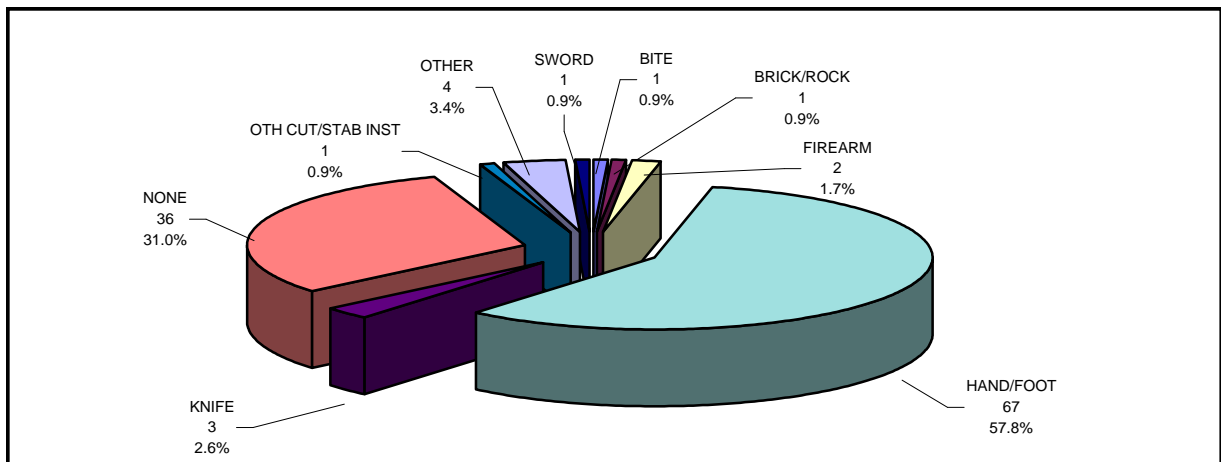
* 1 force incident had wrong or no clearance codes (one for each category).

SUSPECT DRUG/ALCOHOL USE WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



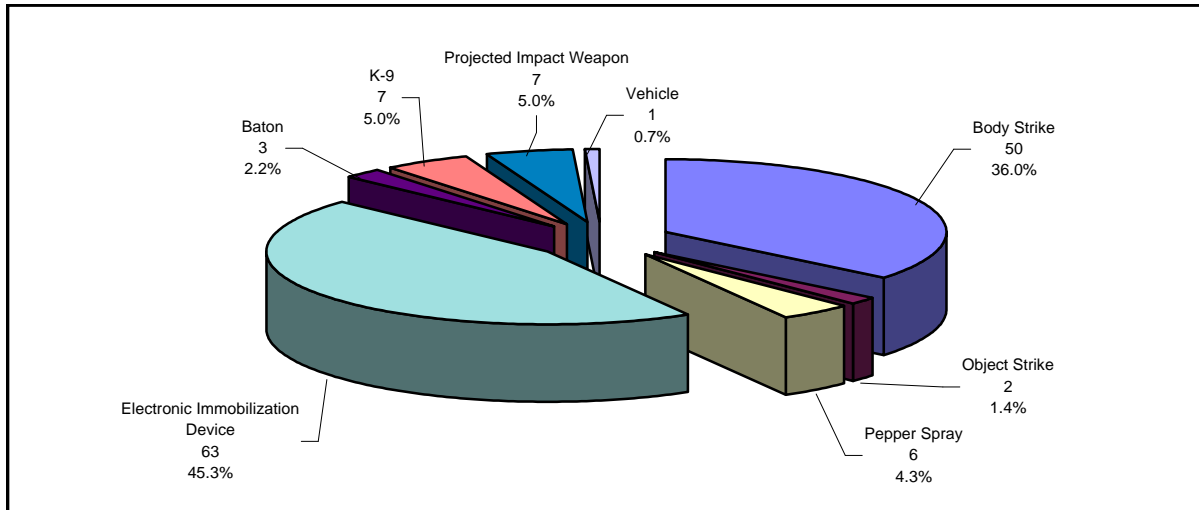
Some suspects were under the influence of both drugs and alcohol.

SUSPECT WEAPONS WITH REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



Order by Weapon:	HAND/FOOT	-	57.8%
	NONE	-	31.0%
	OTHER	-	3.4%
	KNIFE	-	2.6%
	FIREARM	-	1.7%
	BITE	-	0.9%
	BRICK/ROCK	-	0.9%
	OTH CUT/STAB INST	-	0.9%
	SWORD	-	0.9%

REPORTABLE FORCE USED BY OFFICERS



Some incidents require multiple applications of force to take a suspect into custody or stop an unlawful attack.

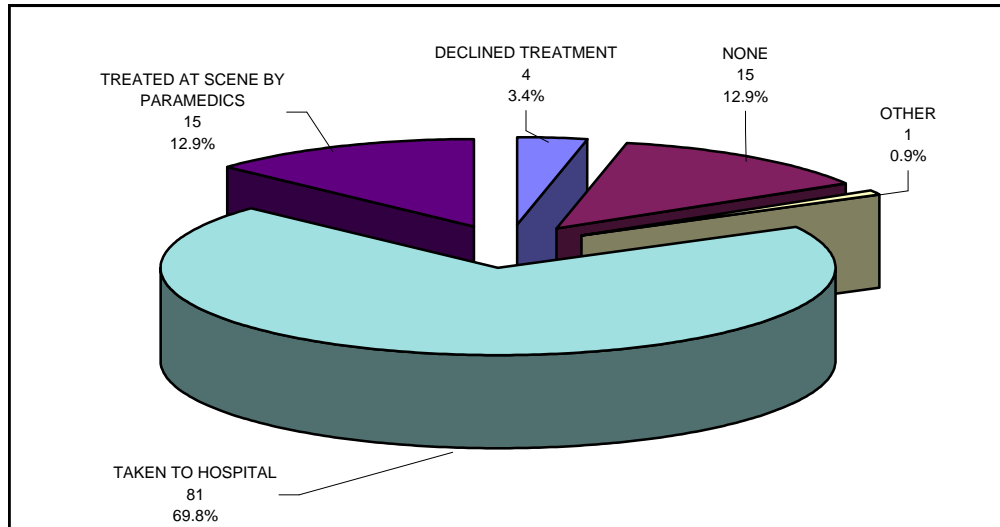
Order by Force:

Electronic Immobilization Device	-	45.3%
Body Strike	-	36.0%
K-9	-	5.0%
Projected Impact Weapon	-	5.0%
Pepper Spray	-	4.3%
Baton	-	2.2%
Object Strike	-	1.4%
Vehicle	-	0.7%

Note: Electronic Immobilization Device is also referred to as a Taser.

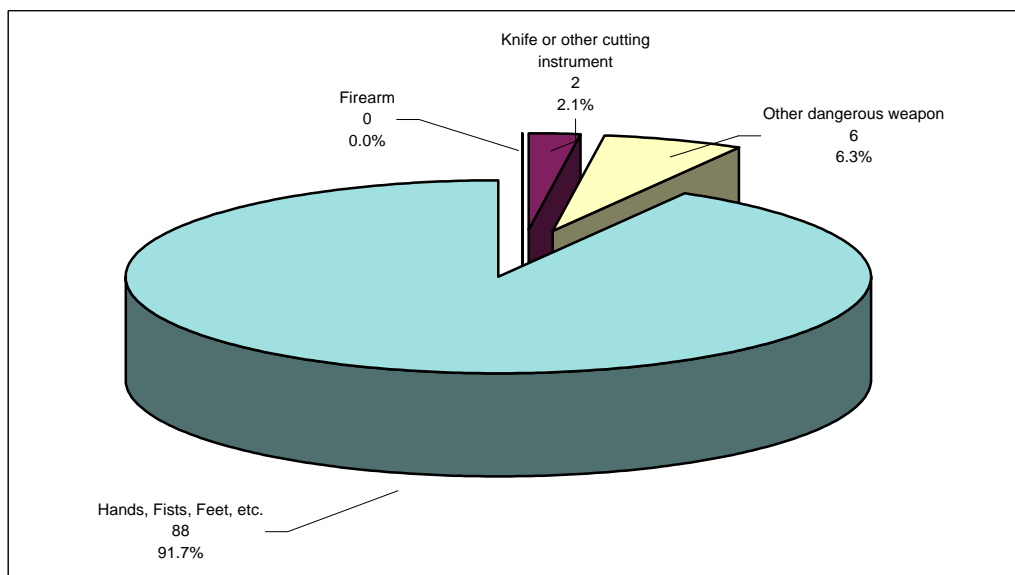
Projected Impact Weapon is also referred to as a Less Lethal Shotgun or bean bag gun.

SUSPECT MEDICAL REVIEW AFTER REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



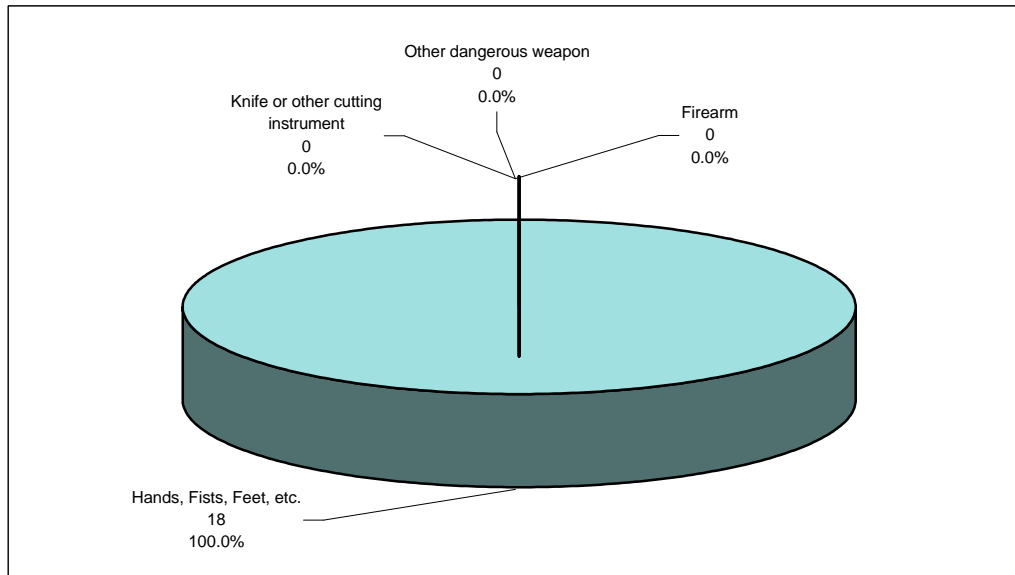
Not all suspects who received medical review were injured. Per Department policy, any person subjected to a chemical agent/mace, electronic immobilizing device (taser), less lethal impact projectile, or any force which causes injury or renders temporary disability to an arrestable subject, is automatically provided medical care by on-scene medical personnel or at a hospital.

OFFICER'S ASSAULTED *



96 officers were assaulted.

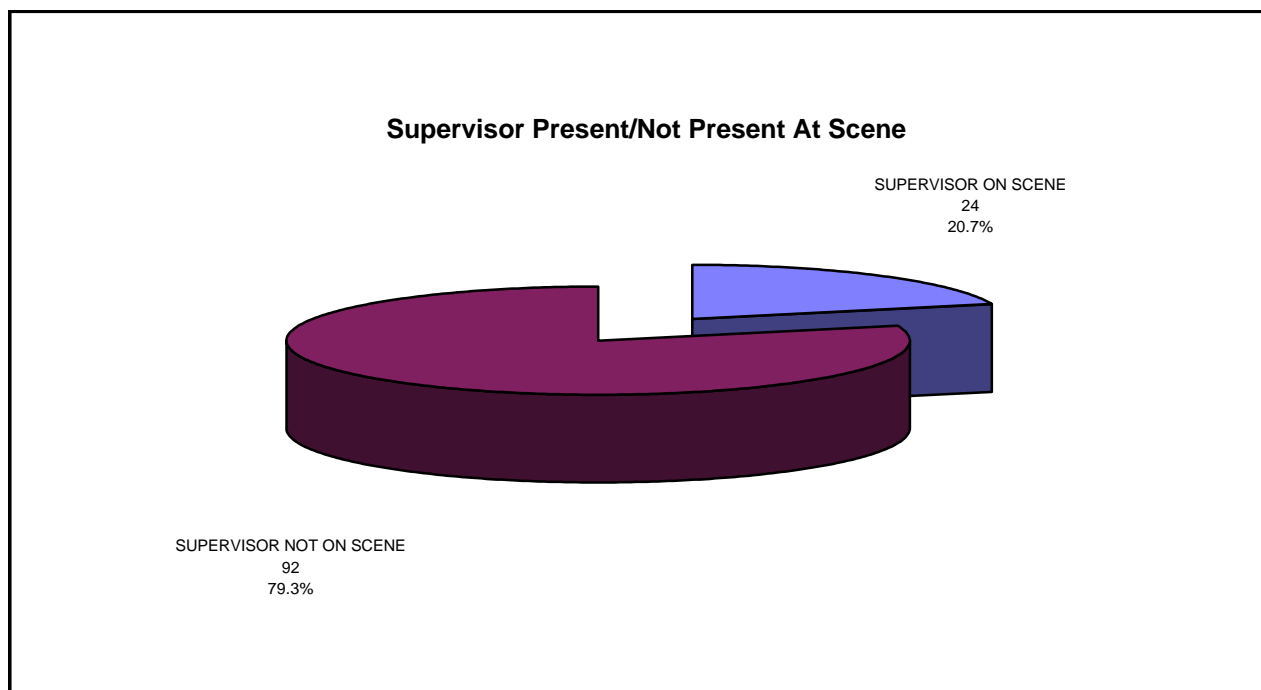
OFFICER'S INJURED *



18 officers were injured requiring immediate medical treatment.

* Data based on the 2nd Qtr 2007 LEOKA (Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted) report. Not all incidents, where an officer was injured, involved a use of reportable force, i.e., the suspect gives up after injuring an officer.

SUPERVISOR ON SCENE WHEN REPORTABLE FORCE APPLIED



A supervisor may be enroute to assist an officer on a call; however, the officer may be required to use reportable force prior to the supervisor's arrival. In these circumstances, the supervisor would be considered "not on scene."

